



# Lookout



Southside Cellular On Patrol Newsletter

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## Happy Holidays

The Holiday season is HERE, and so is the rise in vehicle crimes. For those of you who do your COP patrolling, please give some attention to the strip of SW Military Dr. from Roosevelt to Somerset. Concentrate on strip malls, big parking lots, etc. Think like a criminal – if you were looking to steal a car or steal things from one where would you go? That's where you need to look. Let's catch some criminals this year.

### V.I.P. / Cobra-T / C.O.P.

We will have some Cobra-T, VIP, and COP folks up on South Park Mall this season for some surveillance projects. If you would like to help out, please give me a call so we can schedule you in for a few days. The scenery is awesome from the top of South Park Mall.

## While we are on the subject

While we're on the subject of burglaries, don't forget to use that common sense this year when you're out shopping.

- Ladies, if you're going to leave your purse in the car, don't wait until you get to the mall to put it there. Put it in the trunk before you get to them mall
- Don't leave any valuable in plain sight in your car. This includes cell phone chargers, CD cases, key rings, etc.
- Park in a well-lit area at night.
- Watch out for suspicious activity, scams, etc. – trust your instinct – IT DOES WORK

## Graffiti Problem

We are still fighting the graffiti problem on the Southside. If you see any new graffiti in and around your neighborhoods please call your district SAFFE officer immediately and report it to them. If you have a means of removing the graffiti yourself, remover it as soon as you see it. The people who put the graffiti up want it to stay up as long as possible. BUT, if we remove or paint over the graffiti as soon as it goes up these "taggers" will eventually move on – because their "art" isn't seen as much as they would like. Together, we can make this work.

## PST Academy

The Public Safety Team is coming to South. For those of you who are interested in the PST training we will be having an academy (training session) from Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 10pm each night. The location has not yet been determined. If you would like to attend this training session please give me a call as soon as possible, this is a first come first served class and it may fill up quick. PST volunteers will then drive the Southside and issue parking tickets and help with police calls for service. Please call me ASAP @ 207-6085 if you are interested.

## COP Class date change

There has been a change in scheduling for our first COP class of the New Year. Our next COP class will be held on Tuesday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Same time, same place, just a day before the original dates. Thanks!



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Have a SAFFE and Happy Holiday Season

# Water Watchers

I've got some flyers and posters on helping to protect your local water system for those of you who are interested. These are put out by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in Sept. '03.

You can also visit their website by going to

[www.epa.gov/safewater/security](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security)

## A few Stats

Crime	Last 30 days	Last 60 days	Last 90 days	2002 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
Burg. Hab.	124	232	351	1013	1102	9%
Burg. Bldg.	70	161	245	531	697	31%
Burg. Vehicle	193	450	709	2212	2377	7%
Theft Vehicle	83	166	246	739	825	12%

These stats are only for the Southside Substation. As you can tell we crime is on the rise as compared to last year. Please be diligent in your patrolling, report anything that even resembles suspicious activity. Together we can catch some of these burglars, thieves, and other people who think they'll never get caught. Get your neighbors, friends, and family as involved as possible. Our next COP class in on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

## Family Violence

We are 13% above last year's figures in Family Violence; we've had 426 reported cases in the past 90 days. If you know of or suspect any type of family violence in your neighborhood please report it to police immediately. You may help save a life.

## A GOOD YEAR

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who put forth any type of effort to help and support the Southside Neighbors Against Crime.

It has been a year filled with every emotion under the sun but together we pulled through. Let's make next year even better. Together we can accomplish just about anything, so let's put our heads together and come up with some exciting plans for the future – for the future is in our hands. Have a SAFFE Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

## Neighborhood Group Of The Month

The C.O.P. Group of the month for November is:

**McCreless West**

# You are a survivor...

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's probably shouldn't have survived. Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

No cell phones. Unthinkable. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, videotape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them. We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

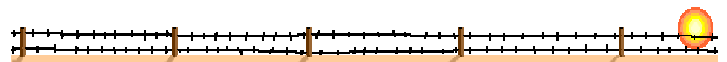
We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them!

**'til next month...happy trails – Stay saffe !**



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